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12. Are the Government aware of the suggestions made by Mr. Velayudhaperumal Pillai, Member, Eraniel taluk, in the 16th Session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly, with a view to bring about an equality in the incidence of taxation in the State? If so, will they be pleased to state their views with reference to the Member's suggestion to introduce income tax in the State before contemplating the imposition of any other tax affecting the land-holders as well?

Mr. C. Raman Tampi.

Answer.

Financial Secretary Mr. K. George.

12. The Government are fully alive to the importance of incidence in the matter of taxation; they are, however, not prepared to commit themselves to any definite programme in the matter of the order of imposing fresh taxes, if any.

13. (i) Will the Government be pleased to state how many vacancies of Graduate or F. A. trained teachers (permanent and temporary) occurred in the Higher Grade English Schools (having IV Form and upwards), in the State in the years 1093, 1094 and 1095?

(ii) Will the Government be pleased to furnish the Council with a statement showing the following particulars:—

(*a*) the schools wherein these vacancies arose;

(*b*) the classes in which such vacancies arose;

(*c*) the dates of such vacancies happening and the dates of filling up the same;

(*d*) the subjects which were being taught by the teachers whose absence caused such vacancies; and

(*e*) the number of working days in each of the said three years and the number of such working days on which such teachers were not available for giving tuition in the said schools during such period?

(iii) Will the Government be pleased to furnish the Council with another statement showing the following points:—

(*a*) the number of pupils that sat for the examinations in Forms IV and V and the S. S. L. C. examination from the various schools aforesaid during the said three years;

(*b*) the number of pupils that failed in each of the said examinations; and

(*c*) the subjects in which such pupils failed?

(iv) Is it not a fact that the teaching in these various schools suffered on account of the delay caused in filling up such vacancies?

(v) Will the Government be pleased to make arrangements to prevent a repetition of these circumstances in future?

Secretary Mr. S. Parameswara Aiyar.

13. The labour and time involved in collecting the statistics required by the member are, in the opinion of Government, disproportionate to the advantage to be gained by having the information. The Member is, however, informed that powers have been delegated to educational officers which will to a large extent obviate similar delays in future.

14. With reference to the answers given by the Government to my questions on the subject of the Department of Industries at the last meeting of the Council—

(i) will the Government be pleased to state the quantities of articles manufactured or turned out by or under the direction of

14. (i) *Weaving Depot, Eraniel*:—The Depôt worked at full strength only for three months in 1095. The total value of the goods manufactured was Rs. 573.

Screwpine Depot, Mavelikara:—The Depôt has worked for only four months and the total value of goods produced is Rs. 562.

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experts in charge of the various items of industrial concerns enumerated in the answers aforesaid ?

(ii) Will the Government be pleased to state the amounts spent by the Government in 1094 and 1095 in respect of each of such industrial concerns ?

(iii) Will the Government be pleased to state if all those industrial concerns are even now worked ?

(iv) If not, will the Government be pleased to state those that were stopped, the date of stopping the same and the reason for their discontinuance ?

(v) If any of those items were discontinued as being impracticable under existing conditions, will the Government be pleased to enquire as to who was responsible for spending money upon such items and to take steps to have such money refunded ?

15. (i) Is it a fact that the Government propose to increase court fees, process fees, copying fees, stamp duty and fees for the registration of documents ?

Answer.

Bamboo Depot, Alwaye:—The Depôt has worked for only six months and a half and the total value of goods produced is Rs. 443.

Oil Factory:—One still was installed on 5th Karkadakam 1095, and two more stills are about to be installed. The value of oil produced before the 1st Chingam 1096 was Rs. 92 and during Chingam 1096 was Rs. 201.

Shellac Industry:—The industry is still in an experimental stage, and is mainly confined to the rearing of insects. All the lac produced has been utilised for breeding purposes and hence there has been no income.

Jaggery Factory, Tiruvalla:—The necessary machinery has been received; but work cannot commence in the factory until the beginning of the next sugar-cane season in December.

Apiculture :—Honey was first extracted in the last month of 1095 and the value realised was Rs. 18.

(ii) No amount was spent in 1094, as the above industries were started only towards the latter part of 1095. The amounts spent during 1095 are noted below :—

	Rs.
Shellac Industry ...	1,478
Weaving Depôt, Eraniel ...	4,724
Oil Factory ...	6,785
Jaggery Factory, Tiruvalla ...	7,130
Screwpine Depôt, Mavelikara	1,478
Apiculture ...	1,312
Bamboo Depôt, Alwaye ...	2,288

The expenditure incurred is largely non-recurring, being the initial outlay on account of machinery and equipment.

(iii) All the above concerns are now working excepting the Jaggery Factory, Tiruvalla, which is awaiting the sugar-cane season to commence work.

(iv) No concerns were stopped as being impracticable, but the concessions offered to a Bombay Firm for pencil manufacture at Alwaye are being withdrawn, as the firm has failed to carry out its contract with Government in regard to the opening of the factory. The question of starting a Government Pencil Factory is under consideration.

(v) In regard to the Pencil Factory at Alwaye, the firm is being called upon to refund the loss incurred by Government on account of its default.

Secretary Mr. K. Narayanan Pandalay.

15. (i) The Government propose to increase the rates of process fees and copying fees. They are at present unable to make any statement with regard to court fees, stamp duty and registration fees.

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